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DC DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO HOST AN EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS TRAINING CEREMONY

DOH EMPLOYEES TO BE HONORED

(Washington, DC) - The District of Columbia Department of Health (DOH) will host its first emergency preparedness training ceremony on Thursday, June 12 on the campus of George Washington University. Nearly 800 DOH employees will receive training certificates for successfully completing various emergency preparedness courses. The theme for the 2003 ceremony is "Increasing the knowledge – decreasing the fear."

During the past three months, DOH employees participated in training courses geared towards emergency preparedness. Topics included weapons of mass destruction; incident command; response and recovery protocol during a biological, chemical, radiological attack; and an overview of the District of Columbia Response Plan (DRP). Experts from George Washington University Medical Center and KPMG, LLP facilitated the trainings.

Homeland Security's Michael Byrne will serve as keynote speaker. Byrne serves as the director of the Office of the National Capital Region Coordination. A reception will immediately follow the ceremony.

WHO: D.C. Department of Health (DOH)

WHAT: Emergency Preparedness Training Ceremony for DOH Employees

WHEN: Thursday, June 12, 2003
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

WHERE: George Washington University
Ross Hall – Room 101
2300 I Street, NW

For more information about this event, please contact the DC Department of Health's Emergency Health and Medical Services Administration at (202) 671-4222.

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